

**NEWS FROM DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER**

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## **Funding for New Patchogue Health Facility Secured**

**Hauppauge, NY:** At the Tuesday, July 26 General Session the Suffolk County Legislature voted to approve funding for a new Patchogue Health Center Facility. The new facility is slated to open at the former Verizon building on North Ocean Avenue north of Sunrise Highway.

The current health center, which is located on East Main Street in the heart of their downtown, is in an aging building with limited room for expansion. Last year Suffolk County entered into an agreement with Hudson River Healthcare to operate the County's health centers. This move will complete the agreement.

"The East Patchogue community has long been trying to revitalize their downtown," stated Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco. "Moving the health facility will open up a valuable piece of commercial real estate right at the center of their Main Street."

The new Patchogue health center, which will serve more than 15,000 people, will be funded in part by a \$7.5 million grant from the New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP). Suffolk County will provide the matching funds, which will help cover the cost of renovations.

"I thank my colleagues for their support and Hudson River Healthcare for their professionalism" stated Deputy Presiding Officer Calarco. "Most importantly, I am grateful to the East Patchogue community for their enormous patience. This facility will be in a better location that can handle the growing need for quality healthcare."

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